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## BIRTHS.

On the 19th instant, at her residence, Darling Point, Mrs. Kitchin, of a daughter.

On the 22nd instant, at her residence, Dainton-street, Balmain, Mrs. Williams, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 20th July last, at Rockhampton, by the Rev. James R. Smith, M.A., Arthur J. Wood, Esq., eldest son of the late Rev. S. Wood, of Adelaide, North, to Anne Burnett, youngest daughter of the late William Gibson, Esq.

On Saturday, the 18th instant, at St. Peter's, Campbelltown, by the Rev. Edward Smith, B.A., incumbent, Robert Edmund Alfred, second son of Stephen Williams, Esq., B.A., of Balmain, to Jane, second daughter of the late George Burnett, Esq., of Wollaton, New Zealand.

## DEATHS.

At Rockhampton, East India, on the 21st May, 1860, of constant small pox, William Carter, Esq., aged 35, only brother of Augustus Carter, Clerk of the Peace for the Northern District.

On the 22nd instant, at his parents' residence, Botany Road, Sydney, aged three years and one month, after a short but painful illness, of measles and bronchitis.

On Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at her residence, Bourke-street, Sydney, of typhoid fever, Ellen Rose, the loved wife of Mr. William J. Taylor, aged 25 years.

## SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS.

### OVERLAND ROUTE TO ENGLAND.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.

For freight or passage apply to D. SULLIVAN, master, on board, Victoria Wharf.

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### THE MANNING RIVER.

From 10 to 12 M. T. 1st fair wind.

### FOR MANNING RIVER.

From Commercial Wharf, CHAS. BATE, 37, George-st.

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## PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

### MR. HAYLES, with a view of the M. & I. R.

arrived in Sydney by the Ellen Stewart, would

be pleased to communicate with Mr. J. VERNON, Post

Office, George-st., or Dr. H. BATES, 15, Elizabeth-st.

South, Sydney.

### RICHARD DEPAUL, for some years in the employ-

ment of Henry Dangar, Esq., is requested to send

his address to H. H. HALL, Esq., when he will hear of

something of importance to his welfare.

### PRINCE OF WALES OPERA HOUSE.—Manager

and Lessee, MR. SAMUEL COVILL.

Philosophical and Scientific

SALES. A large quantity of the

whose success has been of so unprecedented a character

that they have performed before exceeding 21,000 persons

during present engagement, of fourteen nights.

### THURSDAY EVENING, August 28th.

To conclude with, for the first time in Sydney, the comic

ballad of the

### VILLAGE COQUETTE.

Grand Performance, for the accommodation of families

at a distance.

By order of the manager.

"Blue Bell" by "Initiations at Prince of Wales To-

night (Thursday).

### CHALLENGE DANCE, by Burbank and Carson, at

the Prince of Wales Theatre, on Friday, 29th

in Sydney, by the F. M. T. TO-NIGHT.

### ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE.—Open To-Night.

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No. XII.—ALKALIES AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.  
We have elsewhere stated, that by far the greater number of elementary substances are classified as metals. Most of them are found in combination with other matters; and a few are of such rare occurrence in a free or uncombined state, that very little is known about them. The most frequent condition in which they are found is that of an oxide; and the greater portion of the mineral constituents of our globe—at least that part of it with which we are acquainted—consists of a combination of oxygen with various metallic substances. Amongst these must be classed the mineral alkalis, and alkaline earths; but the metals of which they are the bases have so great an affinity for oxygen, that they can be kept only in some liquid which is entirely free from that element.

When wood is burnt in the open air, there remains a small portion of incombustible matter in the shape of ashes. This, when mixed with water and filtered, yields a salt which may be obtained by evaporation. This salt is commonly known by the name of potash; and when purified by further solution and filtration, it takes the name of pearl-ash. It consists of a combination of potash and carbonic acid (which unites with it during the combustion of the wood) and is really a carbonate of potash; but when lime is mixed with a solution of this salt, the carbonic acid is decomposed, and the affinity for the lime enters into combination with it, and leaves the potash free. In this condition it consists of a peculiar metallic substance called potassium, and oxygen, in exact atomic proportions, the latter being more correctly stated, as the former is an oxide of the metallic potassium. When free from any acid, it is a very caustic, solid substance, having a strong affinity for acids, and possessing the property, in common with other alkalis, of changing the color of vegetable blues to a reddish brown, and of restoring vegetable yellows which have been reddened by an acid. It is difficult to keep it pure, as it rapidly absorbs carbonic acid from the atmosphere, which converts it into a carbonate.

Potassium may be readily obtained from its oxide by the action of charcoal, which, at a white heat, possesses so strong an affinity for oxygen, that it is able to take it even from the most stable compounds; and by the same method, it may be easily shown, that soda also, and the earths proper—such as lime, magnesia, alumina, &c.—are all compounds of peculiar metallic substances, which combine with oxygen; but as they are never decomposed under ordinary circumstances, and are mostly interesting under their combinations, it will be unnecessary to allude to them further than to say that they are all soft, white, shining metallic substances, which are rapidly converted into a state of oxide on being exposed to the air, or when in contact with water or any other liquid containing oxygen. A pleasing way of illustrating this is to drop a small globule of potassium or sodium on some water contained in a shallow dish, when it will instantly burst into a reddish flame, and continue to move about the surface of the water until the whole of the metal has been converted into an oxide. For all practical purposes, potash, soda, lime, &c., may be considered as simple substances.

Potash has a strong attraction for water; so much so, that it is left in a dry, white, crystalline mass, from the atmosphere, and ultimately passes into a liquid, which is a very strong solution of the salt. This power of attracting water from the air is possessed by some other salts besides potash; it is called deliquescence, and salts possessing this property are said to be deliquescent. In the same way we sometimes find common salt becomes moist when kept in a damp place; this does not arise from any attraction which the salt itself has for water, but from the fact that the admixture of certain saline impurities which possess the power in a high degree.

The principal compounds of potash are the chloride, which may be obtained by acting on potash with muriatic acid,—the nitrate, more generally known as saltpetre, which is found native in many places as a white powdery matter on the surface of the ground,—and the sulphate, produced by the decomposition of the carbonate, by sulphuric acid. Potash, soda, lime, and nitrate are sometimes used as manures, and will be again referred to when discussing that branch of the subject.

Soda is similar in its general characters to potash, being a caustic, white solid substance, having a strong affinity for acids, with which, or with some other substance, it is always found in combination. It was formerly obtained, as a carbonate, from sea-weeds, by first burning them, which converted it into a solid, and then washing the residue with water, and separating the same way as for potash. But the principal source from whence the soda of commerce is now obtained, is common salt, which exists in large quantities in sea-water, and from which it is obtained by the process of evaporation. When it is obtained either as rock-salt, or in a state of solution from brine-pits, it is correctly speaking, a chloride of sodium, being a compound of chlorine with sodium, which is a very common salt, and is used for all practical purposes. It may be considered as a compound of muriatic acid (chlorine and hydrogen) and soda. In the manufacture, the chlorine in combination with hydrogen is expelled from salt by treating it with sulphuric acid, which produces a gas of sulphate of soda; this being afterwards mixed with chalk and powdered coal and strongly heated in a furnace is decomposed, and an impure carbonate of soda formed, which is purified by solution and filtration; when the liquid being evaporated a nearly pure carbonate of soda remains. The carbonate of soda thus prepared contains a considerable quantity of water, although apparently dry, and when it is being a sub-salt, which is only a small portion of the neutralised by carbonic acid. By exposure to the air it does not, like potash, attract water, but parts with it, and crumbles down to a fine white powder, which is found in the same manner as potash, and it underwinds this change. The reason of this is, that as it parts with its water it at the same time combines with an additional dose of carbonic acid, by which it is rendered more completely neutralised than in the common carbonate, or washing soda, as it is called.

The salts of soda and potash are very widely diffused in nature; they are found in a great many places, both in the sea and on land, and are also found in or bordering upon the sea and salt marshes, and the latter in terrestrial places. Both salts enter largely into the composition of many rocks, and the effect of rain water, which is rendered more caustic by the action of carbonic acid, in decomposing them, produces a decomposition and disintegration of their masses to an extent that would be hardly credited by any one not familiar with the gradual way in which many chemical changes are brought about in nature.

**SOLAR ECLIPSES.**—Astronomers are now on the qui vive for the great solar eclipse which is to take place on the 18th of July next, and which will be total in Spain. This is the most important as none of those which are to be seen in any other part of the world will be so convenient for observation as this, that of 1877 alone excepted. The following is a list of them:—1860, July 18th, North America, Spain, Egypt, 1861, July 18th, Atlantic Ocean, Sicily, Sardinia, 1869, December 22nd, Asia, Africa, Spain, Algeria, Turkey, 1877, August 19th, N.E. of Germany, Russia, Central Asia, 1896, August 9th, Greenland, Lapland, Siberia, 1900, May 28th, United States, Canada, 1905, May 28th, Canada, 1914, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1917, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1925, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1928, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1931, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1934, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1937, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1940, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1943, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1946, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1949, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1952, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1955, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1958, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1961, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1964, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1967, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1970, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1973, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1976, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1979, June 6th, Asia, Africa, 1982, June 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**ARRIVALS.—**August 22.  
 Minerva, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
 August 23: *Passenger*, 100 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
*North*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
*South*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
*East*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
*West*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.

**DEPARTURES.—**August 22.  
*Minerva*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
*North*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
*South*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
*East*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
*West*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.

**PROTECTED DEPARTURES.—**August 22.  
*Minerva*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
*North*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
*South*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, to Melbourne.  
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**COASTERS INWARDS.—**August 22.  
*Minerva*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
*North*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
*South*, (s.), 200 tons, Captain Muller, from Melbourne.  
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**COASTERS OUTWARDS.—**August 22.  
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**EXPORTS.—**August 22.  
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**IMPORTS.—**August 22.  
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# THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1860.

THE EULOGY pronounced by the Times on the gallantry of the New Zealand volunteers will be confirmed by subsequent facts. The opinions expressed in that journal on the whole case are, however, liable to lead to serious mistakes.

The eulogy pronounced upon the conduct of the military for having failed to support the efforts of the sailors and volunteers to capture the strong places of the natives, will be considerably qualified when all the circumstances become known. From information obtained from a gentleman lately resident in New Plymouth, we are confirmed in our former conclusions that, although there may be ground to suppose that a more dashing commander than Colonel Gold might have seized some advantages, nevertheless the difficulties of his position were awfully great. The preservation of New Plymouth from an attack of the natives—constantly threatened, and which, in the absence of a strong protecting force, might have been successful—was the paramount duty of the officer responsible for the lives of the people. Nothing can exceed the spirit and energy displayed by the volunteers and naval forces. There is, however, always a risk in circumstances so peculiar as those of New Zealand, that deference to command should be in some degree weakened, and for want of perfect submission and full reliance, that a system of military operations might be imperilled.

We gather from the article in the Times, given in our yesterday's issue, that in the opinion of that journal the presence of a regular force is unnecessary—a most dangerous conclusion. We have, all indeed, had occasion to remark the want of adaptation of ordinary military tactics to the new species of warfare, and the desirableness of so training and clothing the troops as to enable them to contend with the peculiar difficulties of the country. But considering the relative proportions of the population, and the distances of their location, it is quite clear that the withdrawal of the British force would involve the colony in a great disaster, and some of the settlements probably in destruction. It appears from the last census that there were 53,600 natives in the northern island; of these about 30,000 are capable of bearing arms. In semi-barbarous countries every adult male is a warrior, and their continuance as such will greatly depend on the early defeat of their rebel countrymen. The white inhabitants of the island amount to some 40,000, but of these the larger proportion are of course women and children. They have been scattered over the country in rural pursuits, and are obliged either to unite for the defence of their homes or to take refuge in the strong places which are in the possession of the British. Thus the military force which could be provided by the colonists is utterly insufficient to maintain their ground, to say nothing of the impossibility of supporting themselves during the total suspension of labour, and the ordinary resources of their industry.

The principle laid down by the Times is undoubtedly correct—that while the British Government furnish the colonies to the utmost with all appliances which may enable them to defend themselves, the actual defence should be left to the arms of the colonists. But under all the circumstances of New Zealand, it is a task quite beyond their strength. It must be so in the first stages of colonization in the presence of a numerous savage people. Either the British Government should have resolutely refused to enrol New Zealand among the territories of the Crown, or calculated during the first years of colonization to afford sufficient military force to make up for the weakness of the colonists. As they increase in number—and their increase has been rapid—they will be able to maintain their own, and to relieve the British Crown of the necessity of furnishing soldiers. It may appear hard to require the colonies to impose the cost and burden of defence upon the English nation, who have enough domestic obligations to discharge; but it must be recollected that the origin of the war is in the policy of the British Government. We do not complain of that policy. It is founded upon just principles. But the collision which has arisen with the natives has been produced, first from the British Government having declined many of the duties of sovereignty, and thus permitted insurrection to ripen, which can now only be crushed by a strong hand, and then by laying down principles in the disposal of land, which have been a source of perpetual irritation. The colonies, as such, are generally averse to the British policy, because the colonies, such, would naturally wish to acquire land upon the easiest possible terms. The British Government wisely no doubt, considering the future national interest, has interposed a check on the alienation of the native territories; and from this as well as from other causes the spirit of hostility has been generated. The British Government has generally leaned to the natives rather than the colonists wherever the two might come into collision. Thus even municipal laws, such as a bill for the registration of dogs and for the construction of roads, have either been disallowed or contained clauses specially exempting the natives from their operation. The colonists have felt that a power above them, and in some measure practically hostile to them, has thrown its shield over the natives, to exempt them from the fair results of civilization, while its benefits have been secured to them at the expense of the colonists themselves.

While our sympathies are strong with the colonists, yet at this distance from the seat of warfare, and independent of all local influences, we are not insensible to the danger, that if the suppression of a dangerous revolt were to be referred solely to volunteers, in the end it might be characterized by circumstances shocking to the humanity of the British nation. Such dishonouring and deplorable events are thickly strewn through the annals of American history. The settlers who suffer an injury, perhaps under circumstances of extreme cruelty, and whose property has been destroyed, are driven to measures of the fiercest retaliation. To remove from them the possibility of future aggressions they strike without mercy the defenceless and the unoffending—they seek not the extinction of a rebellion, but of a race. We mean no accusation against the people of New Zealand, who, hitherto, we believe, have exhibited no such sentiments except in words, but we form our conclusions from the permanent tendencies

of our common nature. We believe that the withdrawal of British troops, and thus the means of moderating the ferocious and resentful and giving protection and defence to the natives as to subjects of the British Crown, would be a deplorable mistake in a conflict like this, and end in national disgrace.

We cannot disguise from ourselves, looking at all the facts which have reached us, that this New Zealand war may be a long and disastrous, and certainly a costly, one. It is not a question of valour only, or otherwise it would soon be determined; but such is the nature of the country—so impervious are its forests—so impassable are its swamps—so numerous are its strong places—so agile is the enemy and so simple his means of subsistence—so deep and apparently unchangeable is his resentment and revenge—that we cannot hope the war will be finished but at very great expense perhaps of life, but at all events of money.

There is one thing, however, to be borne in mind, that when once New Zealand is fairly subdued, the authority of the Crown thoroughly established, and all races treated with equality and compelled to submit to one system of laws; when the land question shall be finally determined by the extinction of tribal rights; the war in New Zealand, as between two races, will probably be over. The English settlements will increase, and a country of great beauty and fertility will soon possess an internal strength to return in its resources to the British empire all that outlay which recent events, so painful the last and altogether unexpected, have imposed upon it.

It will be observed by an advertisement that Dr. NEILSON, from New Plymouth, has denounced his intention of delivering a lecture this evening, on the subject of Taranaki, and its troubles. From his long residence he will be able to afford some useful information.

CAPTAIN WARD's report on the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, to which we directed attention at the time of its publication in the colony, has been reprinted as a British parliamentary document. No practical action has been taken upon it by the Government, though it has doubtless been carefully considered by those to whose department the matter belongs. The Australian Association having given the Government three or four months to digest the document, have endeavoured to force some sort of answer, and to get either an admission of the argument it contains, or some sort of objection which might be further dealt with so as to narrow the question, or at least narrow it down.

Perseverance in carrying the object in view, which is not only unobjectionable as regards Imperial interests, but of great importance to the commerce of Australia and of the East generally. The British Government is naturally slow to move in a matter in which it would be exceedingly difficult to retrace its steps, and to which it is not urged by any necessity as regards Imperial interests. But the guarantees offered against any abuse of the concession granted are every way ample and satisfactory; and there exists, therefore, no valid reason for refusing to the Eastern dependencies of the empire, the recommendation asked for, and which we cannot believe will be much longer delayed. The minute of the Association will be found reprinted in another column.

Is the Sydney sovereign of equal value with that coined on Tower Hill? This is the first question to be determined. And an appeal to the past determines it in a very satisfactory manner. The weight of the colonial coin has been found, on repeated trial, to be equal to that of the imperial issue, and the fineness is a shade above the standard. So that no one need turn up his nose at a sovereign which bears "Australia" on its obverse side as if it were not every bit as good as though it were stamped with the royal standard. In intrinsic value they are both on a par; it is a mere matter of arbitrary enactment that one should be excluded from circulation where the other is admitted.

This being recognized, the next question that arises is, what guarantee is there that the coin will continue to be as good in the future as it has been in the past? There is this guarantee, that the institution is strictly and exclusively under Imperial management. It is colonial only so far as it is on colonial ground, supported out of colonial revenues, and engaged in manufacturing colonial gold. But as respects all its internal management it is as much under the direct control of her Majesty's Government as if it were in Dublin or Edinburgh. If it were in any respect subject to dictation from the colonial Government, with its ever-shifting Executive, and constantly changing policy, its doubtful virtue, as the question of the Association, the reluctance of her Majesty's Ministers to endow it with any extra-colonial authority would be natural enough. But the appointments are all made by her Majesty, and the Deputy-Master of the Mint is subject to no local control. This was stipulated for before the establishment of the Mint was allowed, and for the sake of securing that privilege the colony agreed to become responsible for the expenditure and to forego all right of control. This was the bargain; and it would readily be ratified, with any additional securities for its permanent maintenance that might be required, in return for the privilege of giving an Imperial currency to the coin.

The coin, however, is merely nominal now, for the Mint does a business much more than covers its working expenses. It could do a much larger business with a very slight increase of expenditure, and there is ample scope for this expansion, the only thing wanted to set it free being its Imperial authorisation.

The minute of the Association gives the statistics of the Mint up to the end of 1859. We are enabled to continue these figures down to the end of the first half of the present year, and the continuation adds force to all the arguments they are produced to illustrate.

1. Gold received from the opening of the Mint, on May 14th, 1855, to June 30th, 1860:—

1,641,415 505 ozs.—Value £6,410,945 5s. 6d.

Of this quantity the proportion furnished by New South Wales has been—

Victoria 44,393,056 18 9  
 Other countries 1,935,860 16 11  
 Total 46,328,916 25 0

2. The increase in the production of New South Wales has been as follows:—

1855 171,367 7  
 1856 184,600 36  
 1857 175,950 54  
 1858 286,798 65  
 1859 329,363 41  
 1860 307,916 81

4. The coin issued has been—

1855 1,512,030  
 1856 1,220,930  
 1857 767,000  
 1858 1,343,030  
 1859 1,221,930  
 1860 838,530

It thus appears that the year 1860 shows an

increase in the production of gold at the rate of 26 per cent. over 1859, and an increase in the issue of coin of 37 per cent. And making the comparison with previous years, it will be noticed that in the first six months of this year more gold was produced than in each of the years 1855, 1856, or 1857. And unless Kimbra is false to all its promises, and even reverses its present performance, it will cause a still more striking increase in the latter half of this year, and in succeeding years. So that there is very little reason for pausing in the Mint, or for removing it, while the colony is supplying with increasing abundance the material necessary for furnishing Asia with a gold coinage.

The adoption of a gold coinage in India has not yet formed a part of Mr. Wilson's plans for regenerating the financial condition of that country. But the tendency of his measures is unquestionably in that direction. All that he is doing is assimilating the financial system of India to that of the mother country. His modes of taxation, and his introduction of a paper currency tend that way, and a gold coinage will be sure, sooner or later, to follow. As it is, the quantity of gold coin is greatly on the increase, and if the colonial coinage is not disabled, a trade in Australian sovereigns between Sydney and India, would spring up, that would push a great many of them into useful circulation, and help to pave the way for the recognition of gold there as a legal tender.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]  
 MELBOURNE.

Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
 Both Houses assembled to-day. The Governor gave assent to several bills.

The Assembly, Mr. Nicholson announced that he had not yet received the report of the adjournment of the House of Representatives, which he had been unable to form a Cabinet, Mr. Michie opposed the adjournment, and declared himself in favour of the Land Bill. Mr. Ebdon and Mr. O'Shanassy made statements referring to their participation in attempts to form a strong Ministry, and to their reasons for abandoning the attempt. The discussion is still going on. It was not stated who is advising the Governor now.

The Land Bill has been the stumbling block on which all attempts at combination have split. Rain is falling heavily.

The flour market is depressed. Fair Adelaide brands were sold by auction to-day at £17 10s.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.  
 Flour and wheat market remains inactive. Prices purely nominal.

The weather is fine and clear, with a light breeze from the north-east. The wind is falling heavily.

G. V. Brooke played last night to a crowded house. At the Barrack station, to the northward of Port Augusta, upwards of 600 cattle are lying dead from want of water, and the average number dying is daily estimated at 500.

Rain is now falling smartly.

L.A.W.  
 SUPREME COURT.—WEDNESDAY.  
 SITTING FOR THE TRIAL OF CAUSES.

Before Mr. Justice Wain and a Jury of four.  
 SUTTON V. LINTOTT.

These were two cases connected with the same parties—the first for trespass, and the second for malicious prosecution. The first case was a claim for £200 damages, and the second for £100 damages. The plaintiff in the first case was a Police Officer charged with fraud, and the plaintiff in the second case was a Police Officer charged with malicious prosecution.



veyances to be provided at borough elections, and votes of those who bribe and treat to be considered bad votes.







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2 bales hops, 3-bushel bags, tobacco, bale of hay,  
chain cutter, lot of boards, sashes, alum, and sundries.

Terms, cash.

3 cases of Paris silver-mounted single-handled Brougham  
or chariot lamps,  
Just landed, ex Ardmillan.  
Terms at sale.

10 cases bright mining shovels—Keith's, Collins', Hall's &c.—comprising long and short handled round point, and long-handled square point.  
Terms at sale.

1. M. received instructions from the administrators of the estate of the late Mr. Busfield, to sell by auction, the Stores, Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, 29th, and THURSDAY, 30th August, commencing each day half-past 10 o'clock.  
The whole of the remaining stock, full particulars of which will be duly advertised.

The best lot of new goods suited to the spring  
ever offered in the colony.  
One day will be set apart for original packages.  
Further particulars in a future issue.  
The terms will be liberal.

ON TUESDAY NEXT, the 25th inst., noon, at the London Tavern, George-Sydney, the SHERIFF will come to be sold the debt, right and interest in, and to, the lease, goodwill, and occupation of the house and premises as the "Central House," George-street, Sydney, at occupied by said defendant, unless the writ of FIANCIAS issued herein be previously satisfied.

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## MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLES

The news of the organization of the New Mormon Church by young J.G. Smith had reached Utah, and did not cause any considerable excitement among the residents at Salt Lake City.

A heavy snow storm occurred at Salt Lake and vicinity during the early part of the month; snow fell to the depth of eighteen inches, which caused several hundred thousand dollars' damage to the fruit trees and crops.

The Indians of the northern part of the territory in the Bear River region, who have been for a long time troublesome to its white inhabitants, have sent in a declaration to propose terms of peace.

A fatal row occurred at an amateur theatre at Camp Floyd, on the 7th, when a general fusillade of small arms took place, and several men were fatally injured.

FUNERAL.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS PATTERSON are invited to attend the funeral of his deceased son, Thomas. To move from his residence, Clarence-street, after dark, on FRIDAY next, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at three o'clock AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 3 o'clock. JAMES MURPHY undertaker, 39, Hunter-street.

FUNERAL.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE PALMER are invited to attend the funeral of his deceased son, GEORGE ALFRED PALMER, who died on Monday last, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The funeral will take place on SATURDAY next, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at three o'clock PERCEPENT, at a quarter to 3 o'clock. JAMES MURPHY undertaker, 39, Hunter-street.

FUNERAL.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOHN DAYTON are respectfully requested to attend his funeral, which will take place at Elm Plains, on FRIDAY next, at 3 o'clock.

TO THE CORPORATION OF SYDNEY.—[From the Sydney Morning Herald].—We cannot like the present course pursued by the Council as it has evoked to inspire a national sympathy against you—a dangerous enemy—who the themes of power and concord they live upon—their position against some thing else—where is the fact? where do we find your life force would not rather look the feet of than vice versa.] We beg pardon, the liberal graspings of your arrogant body, the power to over-ride all rules of interest—all nations, laws, rights, and every particle of freedom, injury, the innocent, and indignity you heap on my wife, my child, and myself.

I need I again dilate on the filthy scenes inseparable from this trade. Need I say anything commercial history or commerce. No, but I tell you, that no disincorporated Act, which called your body into life, nor can you have passed on a private citizen the power of authority so to do, before I enlist my services as a volunteer for foreign enemies." I will prove my courage "as a democrat."

From this day forth, no drays shall be allowed to stand opposite my premises in Park-street.

DAVID WILKEY.  
August 26rd.

VOLUNTARY REVIEW!—Intending Volunteers, come and try your hand at the long range, 100 fms length, shod a killing, at the Levittish Palace, No. 10, Pitt-street.

DARTING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES. Mrs. R. SMITH, Lane Court, see notices.

NORTHCASTLE WALLSEND COAL COMPANY.—Notice. First Call.—Notices given that £1 per share will be payable at the office of this company, on THURSDAY, the 20th September inst. J.W. BROWN Secretary, No. 1, Broad-st., London E.C.

HUMAN ESTATE.—The undersigned, having received instructions for the sale, by private contract, portion of the above estate, are prepared to treat with intending purchasers. JACKMAN, DANIELL, &c., 10, D'OConnell-street.

QUANT TURKEY and Ham, Picked Pork and Prime Lamb, Roast Veal and Ham, Roast Lamb (all kinds), Stewed Lamb stuffed, and the usual magnificent variety, ready made dishes, served up with civility and attention. JAMES SIMPSON, City Wine sells, George-street. Billiard and Smoking Rooms separate.

PATERNOSTER HOTELS.—Mr. J. O'BRIEN now most respectfully to announce to the public in general sit at the Cafe, at any hour throughout the day, can be obtained here, Breakfast, luncheon, or supper. Hotel d'Hôte, first-class, in the large old hall, at one o'clock, until midnight, and also again, for 1d.

FREEMAN, BROTHERS, Photographers, by appointment to Her Majesty the Queen, have opened their portraits taken in Messrs. FREEMAN'S new and spacious gallery, at reduced prices, for the most approved photographic artists.

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